

Appl. No 10/790,903
Amdt.AF dated February 17, 2006
Reply to Final Office Action of December 27, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed December 27, 2005. Claims 48-79 have been canceled. Claims 80-85 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 80-85 are allowed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a)

Claims 48-50, 52, 54-59, 61, 62, 64-67, 69, 71-75, 77 and 78 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hauser et al. (U.S. 5,385,574). Further, claims 51, 53, 63, 68, 70, and 79 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 103(b) as being unpatentable over Hauser et al., and claims 60 and 76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b) as being unpatentable over Hauser et al. and further in view of Bennett et al. (U.S. 5,331,966). While Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, in the interest of furthering prosecution, claims 48-79 have been canceled, rendering these rejections moot.

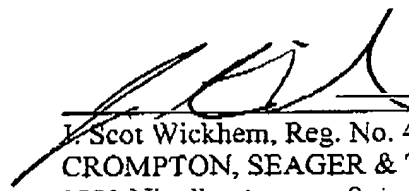
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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